SQUATTIT

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YEAR OF THE HOMELESS IS A BLOODY FARCE!!!

IS THIS NECESSARY

Wot's happening!

The last two months has seen an increase in police violence and in a number of evictions.
4th of march: without warning m.o.h. and cops raid hutton st in thornbury. Four womyn are evicted and ;the contents of the house emptied.

13th of march: m.o.h. and police swooped on dorcas st sth melboure in the early hours of the morning.The squatters were brutally awoken and dragged from their home. 4 people were arrested and later bashed in the cells. Charges included hindering and assault police by kicking. Court day JUNE 5TH.

14th of March: 30 police turn out in Ivanhoe to evict several squatters. No badge numbers were worn by police and most of the squatters didn't hear the eviction notice being read out. Police stormed the house (coming over the roof), sledgehammered their way thru the door. The squatters resisted by pelting the police with eggs, tomatoes, flour bombs and water. A press rep. wsa bashed and his equipment smashed and another squatter was beaten about the face and body. Charges include assaulting police and wilful tresspass. Eleven people arrested.

29thmarch: Gippsland squaters union evicted from their home which has been a squat for five years. Another attempt to stop the increase of organised squatting.

NSW: Union of unemployed, squatters and tenants were evicted from their premises. The case is now in the coursts and the union has relocated.

These attaks show a dramatic change i in tactics by the m.o.h. and a sharp increase in police involvement and violence.
The bashings and evictions are clear attempts to quell increasing resistance by the poor in answer to the system's repression.
We find it ironic that they hjve chosen 'international year of shelter for the homeless' to attempt to try and crush the squatters and the squatters movement.

We need your support!
Other squts being threatened are the 'pier cafe, port melbourne and the orphanage in sth melbourne.

Squat-It is put out by the Squatters Union of Victoria (Melb.)..it is open to all non-sexist/racist etc views of squatters, and the views expressed are not necessarily the views of the SUV.....

Send us your articles and a dollar to keep this little rag humming off the presses.... OR ELSE....you'll be drgged and kidnapped.... you diun't think squatters did such things???.. ....read the Herald and find out the truth(?).....

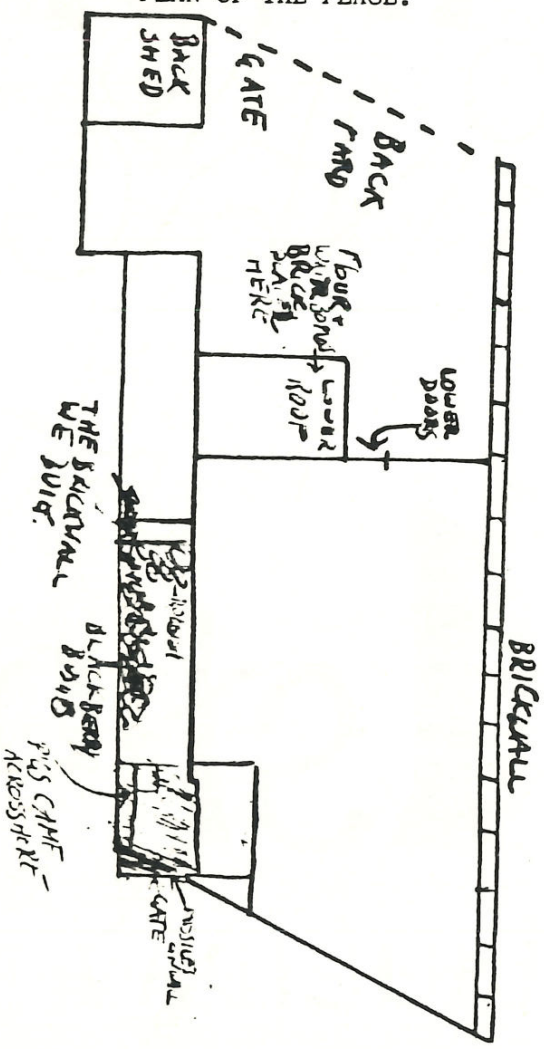
WORKERS HOLIDAY.
MAYDAY
FOOD
VIDEOS
BOOKS
POETRY
FREE
CELEBRATION
301 ST. GEORGE ST RD
SLIDE SHOW
MARCH
FESTIVAL
MUSIC
ALL DAY
A NITE
MAY 1st
PEOPLES HOLIDAY

ivanhoe EVICTED!!

Well as you might have seen or heard, we got evicted from Ivanhoe on "Black-Saturday." the 14th and being one of the people in the end being on the outside of the building, I have discovered by talking to my friends involved that there is good material on the inside aswell as the outside for defending squats.
Hopefully people involved with future evictions could write into "Squat it " about their own actions and observations, defending maybe, or evan in the case of a suprise evictions, the tactics the pigs use and express their thoughts on how to resist these tactics, and what pisses pigs off the most.

Anyway since these jerks, from Eureka finance company, propierty limited made their presence known we set about rallying up support. Since we had a week so we gathered bricks which we put over the stairway up into the flat on top and inside. We built a brickwall across a pathway and stuck rubish up behind it. WE had eggs, water, tomatoes and flour bombs that people bought along or made the night before.

PLAN OF THE PLACE.



Well we were expecting finance company thugs as the information from a C.I.B. pig who had raided us about three days before told us that the eviction notice we'd received on the sunday before was illegal and that the owner would have to take us through the legal channels to get us out.
He also said that they didn't particularly want to get involved as they were trying to trace Eureka finance company and could not find them listed as a finance company themselves and could not find them listed as a company. (It had somthing to do with the rates on the place.)

So we thought we were only going to contend with thugs from the company, not so much the state ones. Our luck got us the cops; 3 cars, 1 divvy van and the big van you always see at demo's, the owner had turned up about an hour before an said he'd be back in half an hour, so we called up the media and various others to turn up.

The feeling in the place went into overdrive. The owner went up and read his bit of shit. He was hit with abuse from us and challanged about the legality, as well as a well aimed tomato (It was an excellant shot because it hit the pig with all the birdshit on the re-bound).
That was when people started laughing at them. The pigs were at the back as well at the front and they were giving us 15 minutes to clear out. We still had heaps of belongings inside so a few of us decided that we would take these outside while the others made preparation for barricading and soforth. Old couches and rubbish was piled onto the stairway.
We got most of the stuff out and taxied away, when that was nearly finished acouple of us went running around the back of the building where a crowd had gathered. The people inside were shouting out to the "audience" what was going on and what was going to happen. That was when we on the outside started abusing the owners at the back and shouting our support to the people inside and getting quite close to starting a few fights with the fuckheads who mouthed off their ignorance. The cops went through the back door of a shop to climb up and get on the roof, so people inside started to get ready.
It was pretty full on being outside. I ran around to the front and saw eggs and flour bombs go flying over the top of the steps and smack into the street, the cops outside shit themselves and ran backwards out on to the street shouting out at everybody to stand clear.

The cops sledgehammered the door and they were in; outside all we could hear was screams and hectic rumpus going on inside, so we ran around to the back and saw the backdoor had been opened downstairs (that was where this plainclothes pig got hit with flourbombs then water then flour-bombs again). We then ran around the front and that was when I saw one person getting dragged down the stairs by his feet, and another with blood all over his face. Some of the public were shocked, the majority were only there to see and be purely spectators, because this is what they wanted to see. Other spectators made really fucked comments about the blood being paint and that the police don't beat people up. When challenged they changed it to "you deserve it", when abused, they walked away. I was even "threatened' by one of these idiots who declined to carry it through when I told him to go ahead.

Well it's all over now and we've all been talking to one another about what happened. And it seems thateven though we lost the house we had some form of victory instead. Probably the best thing that happened was that the pigs were shitting themselves, especially when they sledge-hammmered open the top door because they got a rousing reception before they got through the top door. I daresay they exhibited this fear by being so brutal once inside. (5 pigs beat up one person while he was on the floor.)

I also feel in more critisizm of my self that the people outside could have been more organised and try to create diversions to spin the pigs out more.
That could be done by trashing the unattendad cop cars.This can be achieved by tipping brake fluid on them,even a few molatovs could have beenokay in this situation as the public were concentated near the building and everybodys attention was fixed on what was happening there.
Eggs on windsceens are great,fuck them.
Spray paint swastickas on the side of the police cars.On the outside-you have the advantage to be able to run and get away,as the-pigs won't be able to divert their attention to you.
Even let their tyres down or a brick through the windscreen.
The people outside could play a really important part in the resistance if they know what they are doing they will be able to fuck the cops tactics.
So if you are called to help an eviction it can be a good idea to take somthing along with you,to try a few tactics of your own.
Try not to be to recognisable and be prepared to run like hell.The bricks were not used as we had decided before the cops turned up (because we were expecting finance pricks instead)

that we would try to negotiate,then we used flour- bombs and if the proceeded then the bricks

I would like to comment on the eviction of squatters that happened on two consecutive days last week.Is this the answer to homelessness this year by the Victorian and National government?
What ever the reasons maybe that people are left in a position whereby they can't afford to buy or rent a place,does not change the obvious situation that there are people in our communities without homes.
The common answer so far by the government and the intolerant has been get a job.

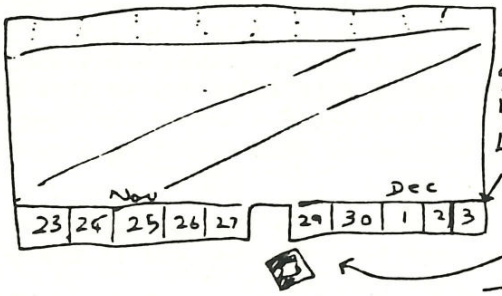
But how arepeople who have no-where to able to find a secure job when they have no living security,i.e. no secure place of dwelling.

If the aim of the government is,in this country,to stabalise the economy then our society at this present state is going to de-stabalise,as in other western countries I personally can't se how the governments are going to achieve their aims unless they start realistically getting back to the people who make up our communities.

Until we get FREE, PUBLIC transport...

How to RECYCLE TRAVELCARDS

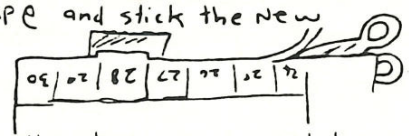
Travelcards are quite easy to find, in Rubbish bins, on floors of trams and even asking friends who dont want to Run the 'Risk' of Making your own.



Remove damaged Number from a Current travel card. Cut either inside or outside the Little blue Line, and cut a corresponding Number from another card, with the same color and Line width a the damaged section.

Make sure it fits and the Line along the top Looks Continuous

Take a Small piece of sticky tape and stick the New Number to the card on the back.



Cut along the edge so it is continuous and Even. Then cut in the date of the day you want to use it. It is better to do it quite far away from the bodgy number. Cut the new hole in any shape you fancy, but the best is a thin Rectangle - Perhaps on a slight angle. It gets easier with Practice.

Also weekly cards, if you paint over the date carefully with white poster paints, you can add a New more relevant date in black - or dark grey - making sure it is in the same kind of Lettering as the rest of the numbers. This takes some skill however, but it will tide you over those difficult times of the month when New travel cards have been put out and the 200 you have collected are out of date, and No-one seems to be throwing their old ones away. If your Caught (which is VERY unlikely) say you found the bodgy card or a friend gave it to you. Don't give any Real Names if Possible.

POLICE STATE

They can't help themselves
(sometimes to their chagrin)
for,
with a clenched fist
they'll impact your face
to bruise and bleed your helpless eyes.
They can't help tying up
accused subjects
with too tight chains
to inflict these crushing pains,
perverting
calm wrists
With such a rude grind of steel
for you're not allowed to feel
home in your heart
and peace in your mind
yet,
then the police,
these toy like dolls of
fascism
take our names
and inflict their hurt.

NO RIGHTS FOR GAYS! NO RIGHTS FOR BLACKS, EITHER!
WE NEED MORE POLICE POWER! MORE DEATH PENALTIES!
WE NEED TO GO BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS!

ANGELA TAYLOR- REST IN PEACE
YOU FUCKING GERM.

In April 86 she was blown to fucking bits,
rained down on Russell St, all bits of bloodied stew,
her foul, filth faced graced all the nations news.
They set up a collection fund, what a fucking farce,
all the right-minded people go and crawl up their smelly arse.
Well each time I'm in there I steal the sacred jars
and the contents I shoot up my arm.

The pigs cried and whinged alot, wondering why
some-one like her, top of her class had to die.
They're all the fucking same
bashing drunken kids,
to them it's just a power game,
so they were told in April 86.
It's no game-it's a fucking war,
and there's alot more to kill yet
we've got to even up the score.

To Angela Taylor, the cop who
died during the bombing.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES. THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

State govt guidelines atate that all the essential services must be connected, on residents' request,regardless of the status of residents, i.e., tenant, homeowner, squatter etc.

This, however, has not stopped refusal of services as a tactic against squatters by the laandowners and the govt.

This is ILLEGAL and must be stopped!

HA HA HA HAW HAW
SERVICES DEPT
HA HA, O DEAR... WON'T BE A MOMENT SIR..
SERVICES DEPT
SORRY ABOUT THAT SIR, HOW COULD YOU JUST REPEAT WHAT YOU JUST SAID TO ME?
SERVICES DEPT
WELL.. I WAS JUST SAYING... IT WOULD BE A BIG HELP IF THE SERVICES WERE ON WITHIN A WEEK...
HA HA HA
HA HA.. WHAT DID I TELL YOU?.. HA HA HA..
SERVICES DEPT.
MACAH

GAS: -connection can be arranged over the phone
-use of false name is posssible
-replacement of meter -$40- but not a hassle otherwise
-if they know you are a squatter and/ or on a low income, they will ask for a security deposit $100/150) Only solution is to opt for "easy payment plan."

ELECTRICITY:
-they request you come in, fill out form and produse i.d.
-a good story (i.i.e. too busy moving in-must have electricity today-need to keep baby's bottle warm) can often get them to connect with;out i.d. the false name is possible.
-replacement of missing electricity± meter should be standard procedure but will probably cost a few extra $.
-have been known to charge security deposit with squatters. Only option- "easy payment plan."

WATER:
-usually connected but if not, check water meter tap and then ring MMBW to get the main on.
-payment unnecessary, owner must pay water rates (Ha! ha!)

TELEPHONE:
-can be arranged over phone
-false name possible
-has been refused to squatters before

REMEMBER, ESSENTIAL SERVICES ARE YOUR RIGHT BY LAW, SO MAKE 'EM STICK TO IT!!

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

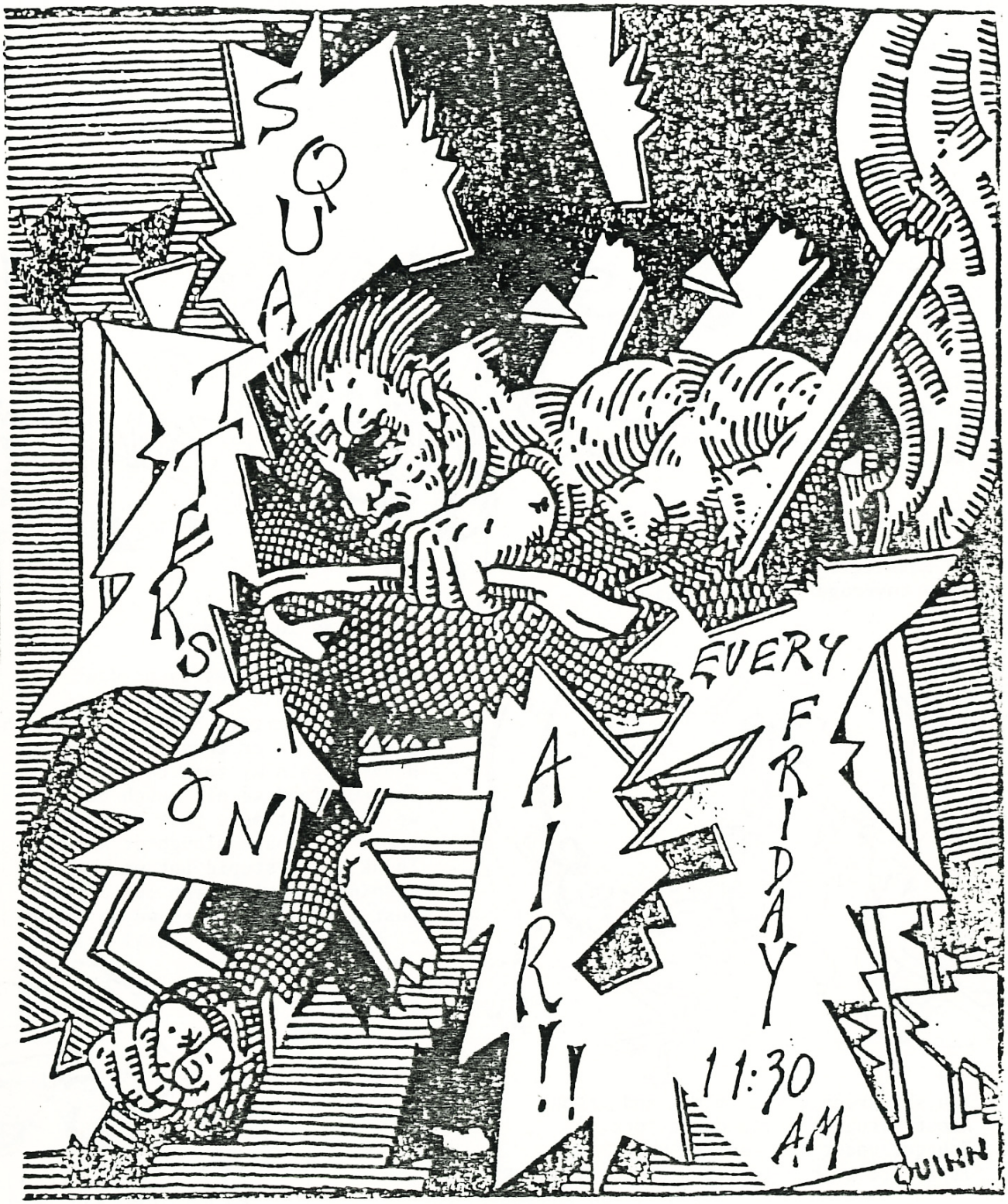
1. NEVER tell the service dept's that you are squatting.
2. ALWAYS check, and where possible, repair plumbing & wiring before applying for connection of services.
3. 'Officialdom' will often back down (if they're hassling) when reminded of the govt's policy.

USEFUL NUMBERS:

Energy Action Group:- 417 1815

Squatters Union:- 481 8097

Tenants Union
Victoria:- 419 7774



tune in to Community radio 3cr.. 855 kh on your dial...!!

SQUATTERS

Skinny legs
and broken faces
Social dregs?
broken laces

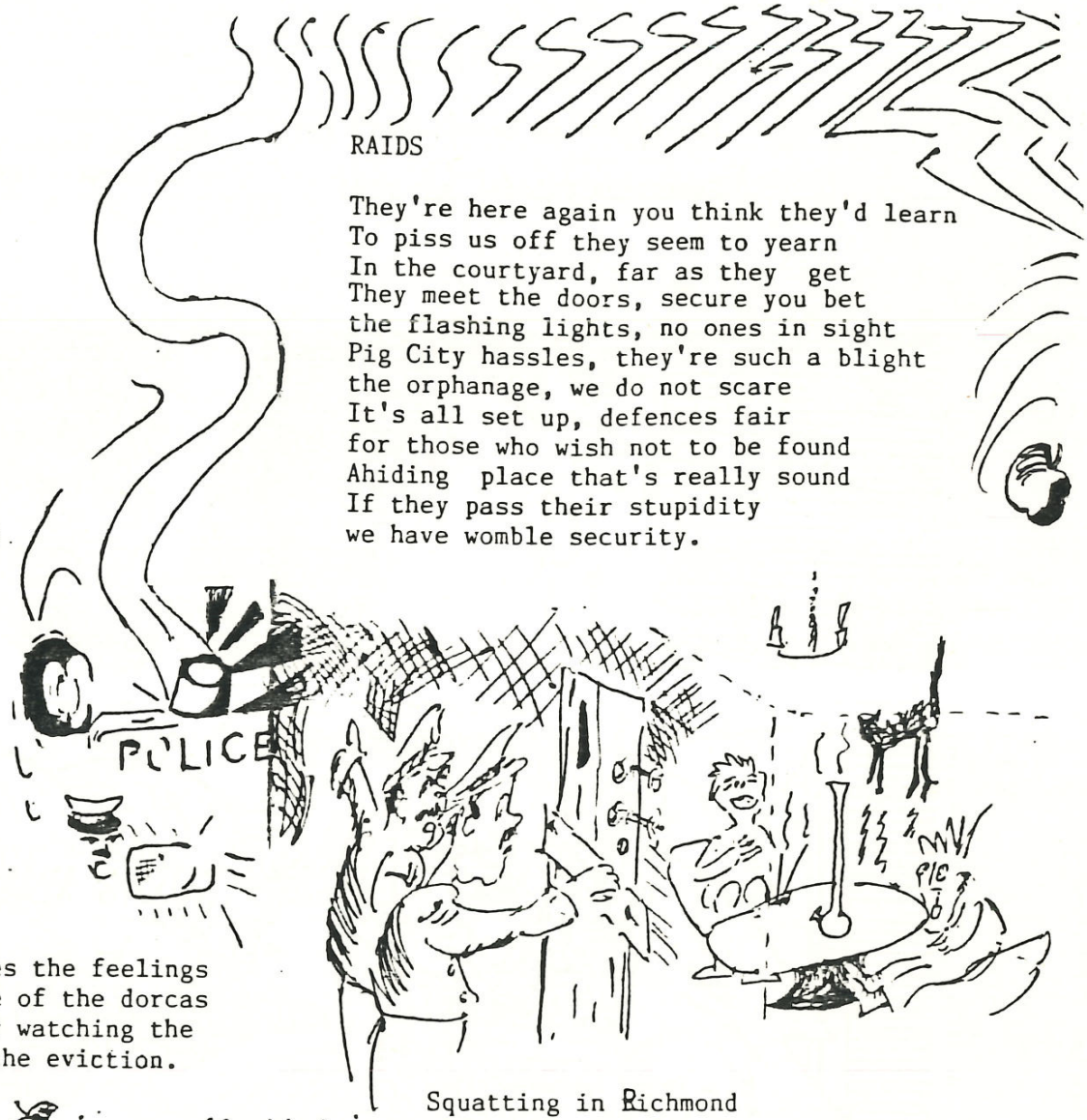
Fat blind pigs
bleeding knuckle
'Ava dig
broken buckles

Muscles punch
their sound brains
molars crunch
the grim remains

Homeless few
eaten and used
friends are true
by pigs abused

Sleep so well
in a gutter
Hospital smell
get'n better

This poem expresses the feelings
of a friend of one of the dorcas
st squatters after watching the
news coverage of the eviction.



RAIDS

They're here again you think they'd learn
To piss us off they seem to yearn
In the courtyard, far as they get
They meet the doors, secure you bet
the flashing lights, no ones in sight
Pig City hassles, they're such a blight
the orphanage, we do not scare
It's all set up, defences fair
for those who wish not to be found
Ahiding place that's really sound
If they pass their stupidity
we have womble security.

Squatting in Richmond

Pigs raid again early at dawn
Gun to my head listen to scorn
off to pig city, they play so tough
six hours later they're had enough
Hungry again my turn to shout
scam up food we all munch out
we don't eat meat that is unsound
there is enough slaughter around
Think we're stupid but we survive
Cunning and wits keep ;us alive
Just leave us live as we do please
we don't want your social trapize

You

You sit around, you moan and groan
About situations you can't control
You get upset you want to cry
It's hard to handle but your too tough to die!

You try you're hardest and put all in
then something changes and everything's dim
It changes again and then there's light
And then you realise "DON'T GIVE UP THE FIGHT"

MAINTAIN THE TRAINS!

THE PORT MELBOURNE/ST KILDA LINES MUST STAY

• NO HEAVY TRAMS • FIGHT THE LIGHT RAIL!

RESIDENT PICKETS, UNION BLACK BAN

Residents will picket St Kilda Station, Wright St, Middle Park and Graham St, Port Melbourne to support the Australian Railways Union BLACK BANS of the construction work, during working hours from 7.30 am.

Hey! St Kilda, Elwood, Brighton, Sandringham Middle Park, South & Port residents.

STOP

The St Kilda railway station and yards will be sold to developers (HEAVY TRAMS are to go south of the station through the car park into Fitzroy St.) This is another LAND GRAB similar to the $OUTHBANK and $TATION PIER developments

Freeways will be built on the railway land. question it

Many jobs will disappear with station staff, guards, conductors, drivers, signalmen and shunters to go! Over 100 jobs to disappear.

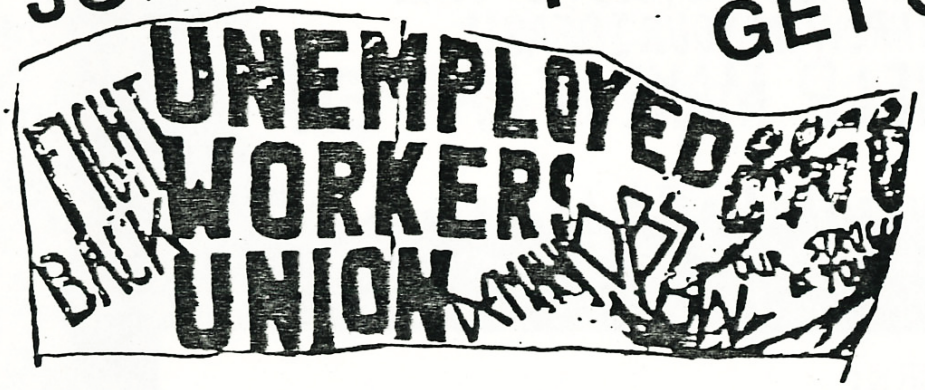
INTRODUCTION OF "LIGHT RAIL" AFFECTS US ALL!

The entry steps of HEAVY TRAMS (light rail) prevent entry by the elderly, people with disabilities especially those in wheelchairs and people with prams.

HEAVY TRAMS (light rail) are cumbersome, slow and overcrowded during peak hour. Heavy trams carry 80 passengers, a three carriage train 180.

HEAVY TRAMS are to cost taxpayers $39.3 million ($12.3 million construction, $27 million for trams). Fares will increase to cover this enormous cost of replacing our EXISTING SERVICE.

JOIN THE UNION FIGHT BACK GET ORGANIZED



Victorian Branch
301 St Georges Road
North Fitzroy 3068
TEL: 481 1155

MEETINGS: Weekly Work Meetings are held on Mondays at 1.00pm. General Meetings Quarterly. . WOMENS CAUCUS Ring 481 1155 for information about meeting times.

HERE YE, YA SCURVY LOT!!

IF YA WANT SOME REAL GOOD VEGO-VEGAN FOOD, GOOD COMPANY, SOME INSPIRATIONAL POETRY, MUSIC AND WHATEVER YOU MAY WISH TO CONTRIBUTE ;- WELL GET YOUR HIDES DOWN TO THE

PRINCES PIER COMMUNITY CAFE

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT!!

WE HAVE A CO-OP MEETING EVERY WEDNES-DAY NIGHT TO ORGANISE FOOD, SO COME ALONG AND THROW IN YOUR IDEAS!!

YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN

HOW TO GET THERE:

Take a no. 201 or 203 bus from Flinders St. and get off at stop no. 24 Fun starts at 6.

DORCAS st -EVICTED WITH VIOLENCE!!

Early friday, morning, about 9 o'clock they came to destroy our dreams and happiness. One hour it took to turn our cruising anger into a wrathful sword of hatred.

The property was a two storey shop owned by theM.O.H. with a huge cellar, it had been empty for 3 years. It became home for 8 people, 1 dog, 5 cats, and 3 rats. Home for a week as we were soon to find out. We had such plans for that place, a bookshop and library in the front section and an entertainment venue in the cellar. I would say that it was the best squat Ive lived in. as far as personal dynamics, repect and understanding went. We all ate together, worked together and raged together. I was extremely happy there.

With brutal efficiency the state came and turned our new-found DREAM INTO A SCREAMING VIOLENT NIGHTMARE.

I awoke to voice outside the door and got up, (New squat paranoia still ran high) To see a moronic m.o.h. official and a whole lot of filth. I ran around and woke everyone up, we went down to talk to them, mentioning the residential tenancies tribunal... (R.t.t.) and crimes act 207 A, prohibiting forceful entry. The m.o.h. ignored this and told us to get out once, not 3 times as required by law.

The filth were then sent in, grinning gleefully, they smashed the front window and let themselves in, guns gleaming in the early morning light. I flew out the backdoor to ring up the media hoping they might keep the thugs in check. From what I can gather they paraded around the squat in the s.s. reducing people to tears with their vile verbal abuse and sexually harassing the womyn as perverted sickness flowed from their idiotic mouths. I returned to see some of our stuff on the sidewalk and a removalist van parked next to us, while our personal property wa carted into it. The police wouldn't let the removalists talk to us, silencing them with their fascist actions and gleaming guns. Dan, Guy and Steve were on the side-walk, apparently once we were out of the property we weren't allowed back in, ev n to get our personal belongings. The M.o.h. fuckwit told us reassuringly that our belongings would be stored indefinitely in a depot in Essendon. Great, state supported theft. (They latter returned our stuff to the orphanage after we hassled the removalists)

They would have been more than happy to have left us with nothing, no blankets or matresses despite the fact that jane was obviously pregnant, the human touch, lovely. All we could do was watch and hurl abuse at the filth and m.o.h. and talk to the media. Debbie, Jane, Bruce, Sue pas our possesions through the door to us while the filth stood around trying to look impressive. Bruce passed somthing out through the door and the filth decided to arrest him as his hand had gone from the house into the street. We ran foward to help in this load of bullshit. The filth were dishing out, I was thrown heavily against the bonnet of the Divvy van and Dan came to in the van with bruce, who had been strangled during his arrest. An interesting fact is that the divvy van had a " Joh for prime minister on the back of it. Bruce and I watched proceedings from our cage. We could hear screams from inside the house, what was happening wasn't hard to imagine. We watched as the dogs food was put in the removalists van, Dan request to have it returned was ignored, Dan cursed and was dragged off and joined us in our cage.

WHILE THE M.O.H LAUGHED

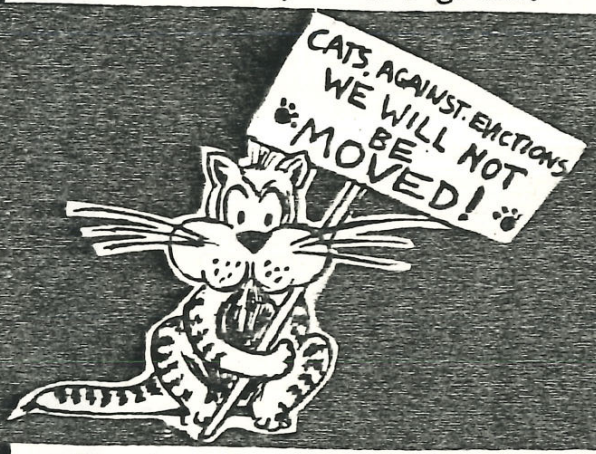
The orphanage people stood around watching as Sue was carried out yelling and screaming abuse at the fascist filth. The m.o.h. moron stood around smiling with happiness, drunk with power.

Soon all the rest of our belongings were out and the place was locked up.. Rascal the cat was still in the cellar, no-one was allowed to get him. Two security germs * M.s.s.) were installed to prevent re-squatting. We were driven off to the pig-pen, the saga wasn't over yet. First Dan was taken in to be interviewed" he left limping, he was kicked in the balls twice, hit in the head repeatedly, thrown down the stairs, punched in the ribs, punched in the kidneys repeatedly, had his hair pulled and was verbally assaulted. He was charged with offensive language, and threatning language, he left the station limping, dazed and almost unconscious, Sue was next, she was man-handled and sexually harassed, they held onto her upper arm so tightly that she had bruises where the filth had gripped her. She was charged with assault, assault by kicking, offensive language and hindering police. I was next, I was hit in the face repeatedly, kneed in the back, kicked in the ribs, thrown down the stairs, had my hair and beard pulled, my eyes poked and some beads torn from my neck..

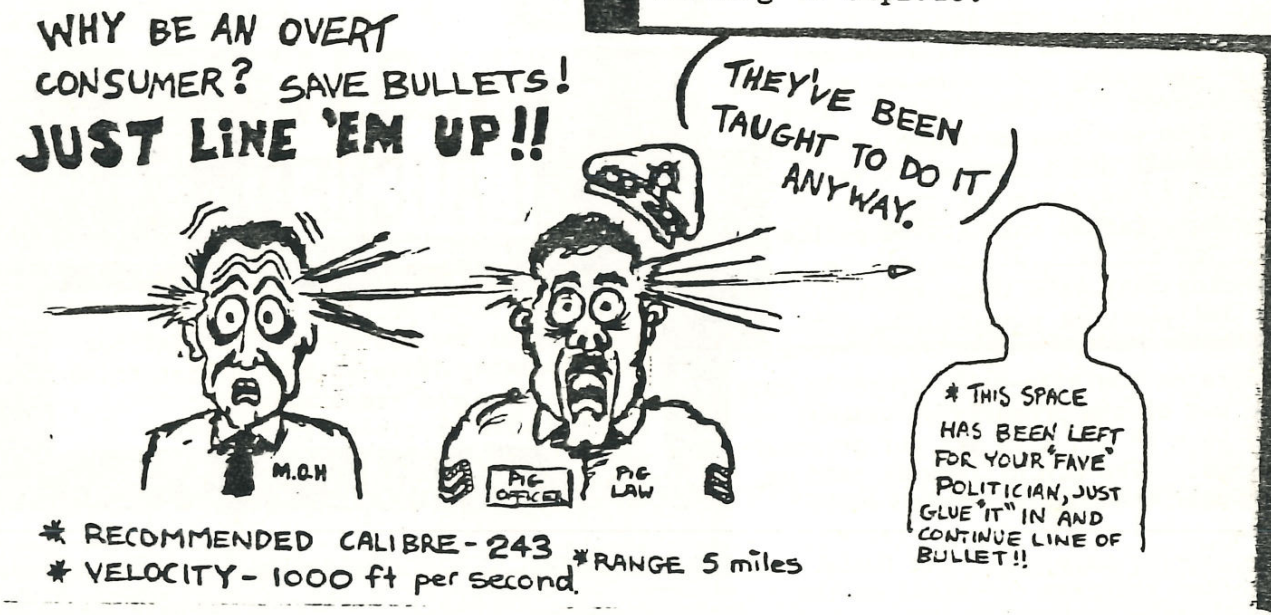
I was charged with resisting arrest, hindering police, offensive language and threatening language.. Bruce was last. He was repeatedly punched in the back and front of the head, had his hair pulled out, punched in the stomach and back and had a pen jabbed in his third eye repeatedly. He was charged with hindering police.

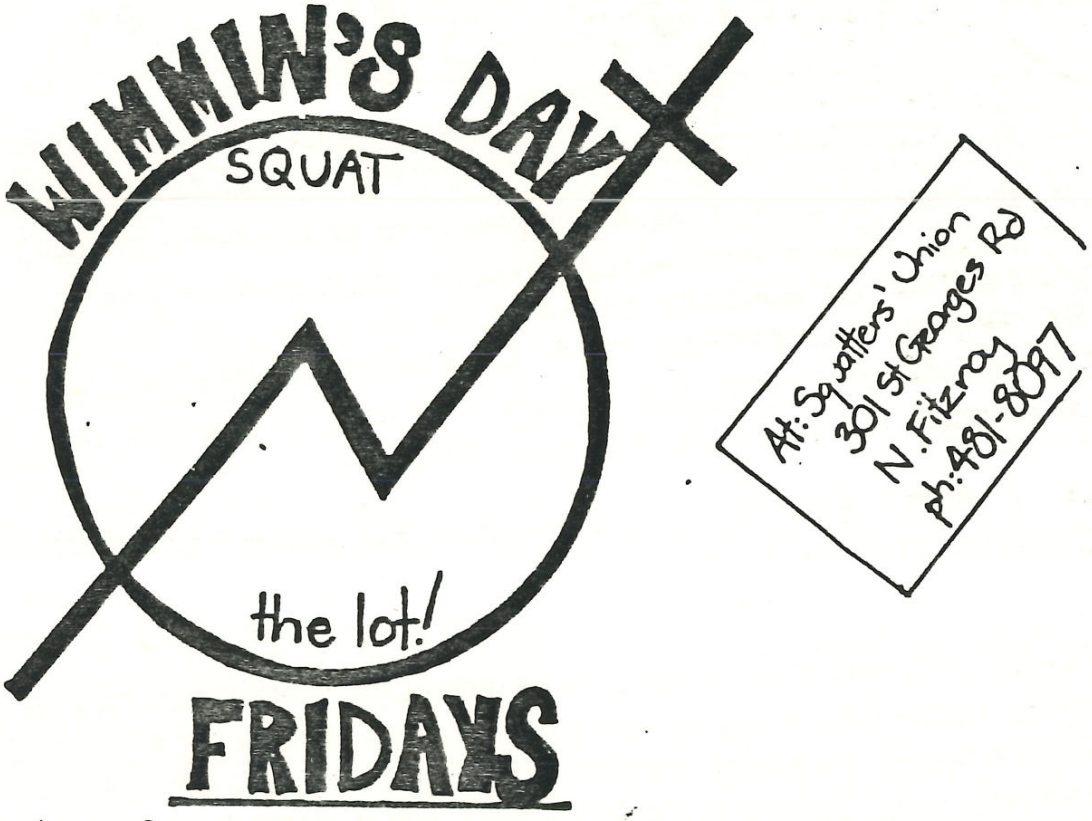
We were all punched in the face by a strange guy in a grey dustcoat who didn't look like a pig as we were signing out. We were all told this town belonged to the filth and if they saw us here again they would "...blow our fuckin' heads off.." Sue was also mentally raped Nothing has happened.....yet!

We went to the doctors and then the orphanage to see people everywhere. The radio show really got the news across, it was great.



We stormed down to the MOH office in South Melb and occupied it to try and get rascal back. They spun out and called the filth who cruised down, ready to beat us up again. They tried speaking to us nicely, what a fucking joke! They refused to let us go and get Rascal so we threatened them with the RSPCA and the media so they let Mandy and Terry get Rascal..We all then retired back to the madness of the Orphanage and are still there, fueling our anger and hatred, waiting to explode.


WHY BE AN OVERT CONSUMER? SAVE BULLETS!
JUST LINE 'EM UP!!
(THEY'VE BEEN TAUGHT TO DO IT ANYWAY.)
M.O.H
PIG OFFICER
PIG LAW
* THIS SPACE HAS BEEN LEFT FOR YOUR "FAVE" POLITICIAN, JUST GLUE "IT" IN AND CONTINUE LINE OF BULLET!!
* RECOMMENDED CALIBRE - 243
* VELOCITY - 1000 ft per second
* RANGE 5 miles



DRUMMOND STREET.

With the imminent demise of 45 Ivanhoe Pde for the benefit of a profit reaping carpark, about 5 of it's residents, joined by some refugees from the Orphanage set about establishing two 3 storey terrace houses as their new abode.

There we have been existing for the last month or so quite happily, despite one intrusion by two rather sarcastically vocal rookies that had no idea how to knock on a bedroom door before blundering through it at 5:00 am in the morning. To their disheartenment our house was free of escaped criminals stashed corpses and heavy artillery, so they shuffled off leaving the echoes of revisit threats behind them.

The households are now continuing harmoniously and their population grows rapidly, but for how long we don't know We shall exist here until we are forced to move along and exist somewhere else.

SEVAK SAYS HELLO..... BRIAN JONES IS A COOL UNIT....

XO XO XO XO XO XO X.

Carra Carrossa.

SOME HINTS & IDEAS

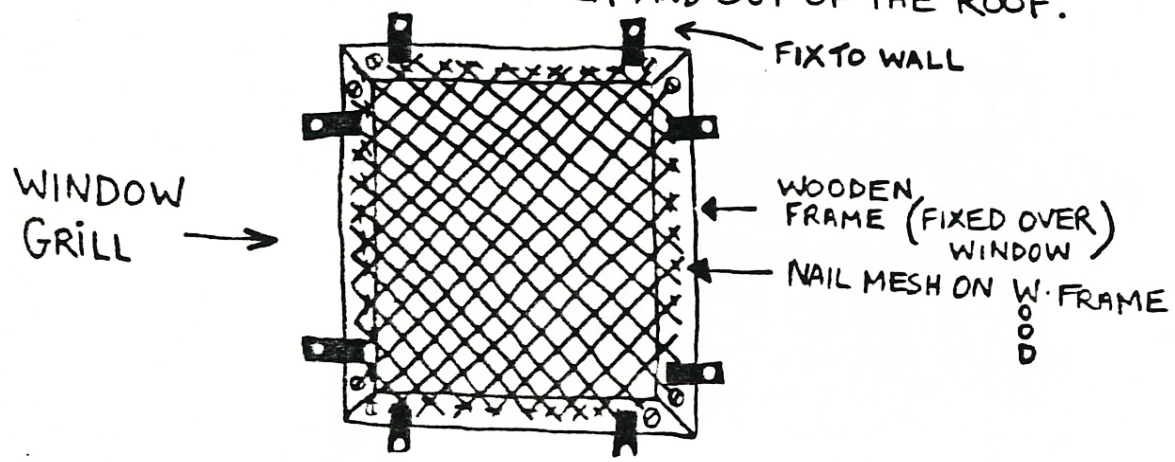
*1. IF YOU ARE A NOMADIC SQUATTER (PRONE TO BE CONSTANTLY EVICTED) A BARREL FROM A PREVIOUSLY CHANGED LOCK USUALLY HAS A COMBINATION OF NUMBERS STAMPED ON IT. BY TAKING THE BARREL TO A LOCKSMITH, A KEY CAN BE CUT WHICH WILL SAVE YOU MONEY, INSTEAD OF FORKING OUT SPONDOOLA ON BARRELS ALL THE TIME.

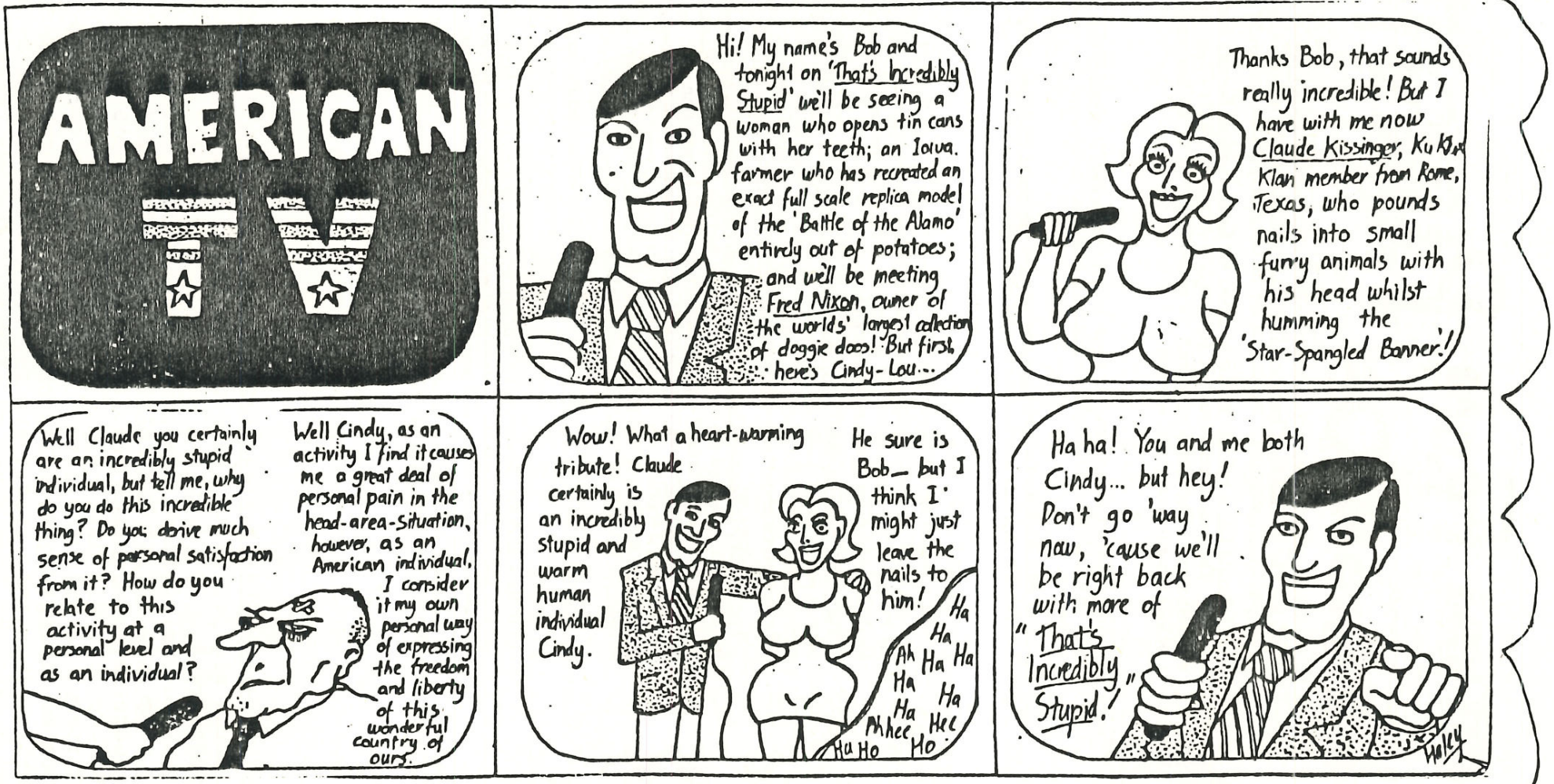
*2. IF A HOUSE SEEMS UN-ENTERABLE, BUT HAS A TILED ROOF QUICKLY + QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE REMOVE SOME TILES AND ENTER! (MAKE SURE YOU REPLACE THEM, RAIN AND CREDIBILITY)

*3. HERE'S A GOOD ONE! BUILDING SITES CAN SOMETIMES PROVIDE STEEL MESH (THEY USE IT FOR STEEL FIXING IN CONCRETE). EITHER BEG OR STEAL THIS STUFF (OFF-CUTS CAN BE USED) AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO NAIL THIS MESH OVER YOUR WINDOWS TO KEEP THE "BIG BAD WOLF" OUT, THIS IS GOOD FOR RESISTING EVICTIONS. (SEE DIAGRAM)

*4. REMEMBER THAT IT CAN BE HELPFUL TO CONTACT NEIGHBOURS AND TELL THEM WHO YOU ARE AND WHY YOUR SQUATTING, THIS WILL BE BETTER FOR GATHERING SUPPORT WHEN YOU MAY NEED IT, THAN THEM FEARING YOU DUE TO ALL THE SHIT THATS HUNG ON HOMELESS PEOPLE. YOU WILL FIND SOME PEOPLE THAT OPPOSE YOU, BUT YOU CAN BE SURPRISED BY THE PEOPLE WHO DECLARE THEIR SUPPORT FOR YOU!

*5. "MAN-HOLES" CAN BE USED AS ACCESS INTO THE ROOF FROM INSIDE, WHAT YOU MAY WISH TO DO WITH THAT SPACE IS UP TO YOU BUT IN REGARD TO "HINT" NO 2 THIS IS THE WAY YOU GET INTO THE LIVING AREA AND OUT OF THE ROOF.




AMERICAN TV
Hi! My name's Bob and tonight on 'That's Incredibly Stupid' we'll be seeing a woman who opens tin cans with her teeth; an Iowa farmer who has recreated an exact full scale replica model of the 'Battle of the Alamo' entirely out of potatoes; and we'll be meeting Fred Nixon, owner of the worlds' largest collection of doggie doos! But first, here's Cindy-Lou...
Thanks Bob, that sounds really incredible! But I have with me now Claude Kissinger, Ku Klux Klan member from Rome, Texas, who pounds nails into small furry animals with his head whilst humming the 'Star-Spangled Banner'!
Well Claude you certainly are an incredibly stupid individual, but tell me, why do you do this incredible thing? Do you derive much sense of personal satisfaction from it? How do you relate to this activity at a personal level and as an individual?
Well Cindy, as an activity I find it causes me a great deal of personal pain in the head-area-situation, however, as an American individual, I consider it my own personal way of expressing the freedom and liberty of this wonderful country of ours.
Wow! What a heart-warming tribute! Claude certainly is an incredibly stupid and warm human individual Cindy.
He sure is Bob— but I think I might just leave the nails to him!
Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha Ah Ha Ha Ha Hee Ha Ho Ho
Ha ha! You and me both Cindy... but hey! Don't go 'way now, 'cause we'll be right back with more of "That's Incredibly Stupid!"

INFORMATION FROM THE LEGION OF PARASITES!

Mr Leigh (Malvern)—I wanted to direct a matter to the attention of the Premier, but it appears he has left the Chamber. Instead, I shall direct the matter, which can be regarded only as incompetence on the part of the Minister responsible for lands, to the Treasurer.

I should like it referred to the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands in another place. The matter concerns the former St Vincent de Paul's Girls' orphanage in South Melbourne. The building, which is worth millions of dollars and is owned by the Government is currently vacant.

Mrs HIRSH (Wantirna)—I raise a point of order. It appears that the honourable member for Malvern is reading his speech. I ask that he table the document from what he is reading.

The SPEAKER—Order! I cannot uphold the point of order. I do not believe the honourable member was reading his speech; if he is doing so he is out of order.

Mr LEIGH (Malvern)—I assure the House that, unlike members of the Government, I do not read my speeches.

More assumptions based on personal appearance.

The Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands is responsible for the piece of land on which the vacant orphanage is situated. It has been occupied by the squatters' union for the past eighteen months and the people occupying the building have been using gas, electricity and other Government services.

The problem is that the Government of the day has done nothing about it. For eighteen months now it has allowed the squatters to occupy those premises illegally. This constitutes a nuisance to neighbours, who have seen rather strange people walking up the street with pet rats on their shoulders—I believe one of the squatters owns a pet rat!

The South Melbourne City Council was recently pleased to have squatters removed from a building behind the council chambers, but it is not overly concerned that residents of the area nearby cannot have squatters evicted. In addition, two weeks ago South Melbourne councillors were prepared to meet the squatters in the council chambers. In other words, a legally constituted body was prepared to meet in council chambers with a group of people committed to breaking the laws of this State. I regard that as an absolute outrage, particularly by Australian Labour Party councillors of the City of South Melbourne.

I have spoken with a number of residents in Napier Street who are outraged that nothing has been done. The squatters are using Government services worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and the Government is doing nothing to stop it. As honourable members are aware, the State Electricity Commission will provide electricity for 30 pieces of silver, and the same applies with the Gas and Fuel Corporation and other Government services.

I ask the Minister for Education to assure the House that an eviction order will be obtained tomorrow against those ratbags and lawbreakers in the squatters' union.

This load of mindless middle-class babble comes from the wonderland in state parliament and refers to the squat in south melbourne commonly called 'the orphanage.'

This unwarranted, uninformed, distorted pack of lies comes from Mr Leigh, who, so desperate to get his imbacilic face plastered onto the country's t.v. screens is tackling problems well outside his electorate. Mr Leigh is renouned for his habit of getting political mileage by insanely slandering squatters. He used these tactics at Union st Malvern and now has turned his demented ravings towards the orphanage. The orphanage squatters do pay their bills, have only been there for six months and the residents have complained once about loud music on christmas day. Mr Leigh further got hold of channel 10 as a tool to propagate his wild hallucinations, they stayed the night and did a surprisingly good story (for channel 10) on the orphanage. Once again this senile fascist was proved wrong.

Our answer; "get that mad psychofart out of our lives."

THIS LAND..ZOUNDS..U.K
This land is your land
This land is my land
From the dirty water
of the river THames
to the rusting cranes
of the Tees and the Tyne
The land thats choking
with wires and plugs
strangled with fences
and stuck with knives
was this land made for
you and me?
This town is your town
and this town is my town
from the derelict slums
That are dirty and grey
to the house on the hill
in the private estate
The places nice kids
would never go
To the places no one
else has the right to go
Was this land made for
you and me?
This street is your street
and this street is my street
from the broken phone box
where the gangs all meet
to the glass on the path
that cuts your feet
Was this land made for you
and me? It's your World too
byZOUNDS U.K 1980

Trespass,

R.T.T

and the

Ministry of

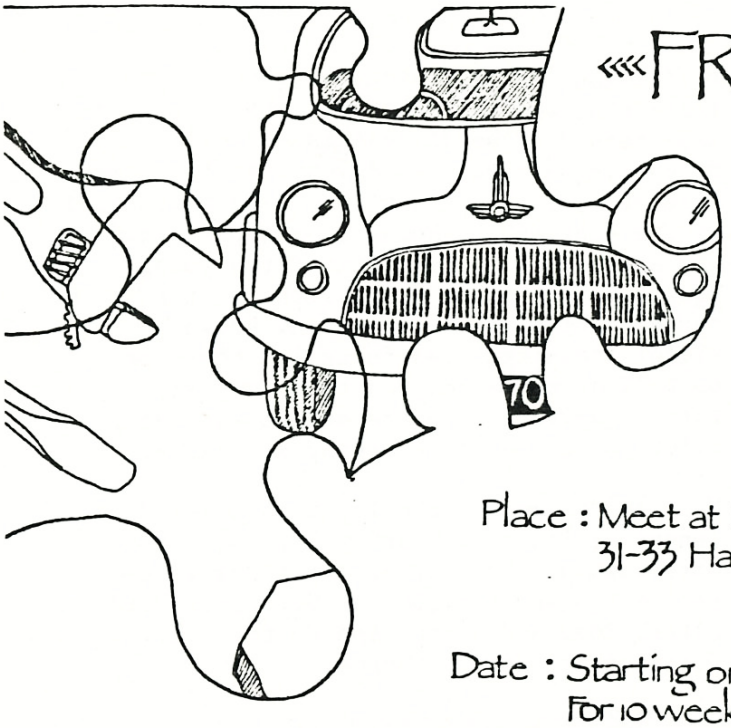
Harrassment.

BEWARE:You may be'tresspassing' when you think that you're squatting. The tried and true method of handling this endemic disease,squatting,this relentless homelessness itch, is back in style. As demonstrated by the Ministry of Homelessness officials who are of the opinion that dirty young squatters are to be dealt with by the strong capable arm of the Fascist law known as Wilful Tresspass. Yes folks,let there be no talk of civil court action they say, throw squatters onto the street with an eviction notice and a tresspass charge.

More seldom become the legitimate Resident Tenancies Tribunal hearings for squatters, more regular the violent evictions with police thuggery eg.,Dorcas St.,Upper Heidelberg Road andas reported to the S.U.V an eviction in East Melbourne.

MOH Method Questioned...

The MOH officials sitting high in office towers waiting for their spin off the government payroll,said to squatters who attended a sit in at the officeon Friday the 20th of March at Myer House ,City,was that squatters should be free to count all the empty houses and return the addresses to the Ministry's files...well this is just not on matey...if you had any effectiveness you would have filled the empty homes when they first became so. Do you propose to open the vaults of the homeless morgue and fill homes with those numbers fading on waiting lists or freezing in the gutter? The living homeless aren't warmed by the thought of becoming slaves for as little as $95 a week.



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FOR WOMEN

Place : Meet at Dight St. Community Centre (old church)
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ALL WOMYN WELCOME

City rally and Sit in.
Friday,20th of March...solving homelessness is a dream governments can't ever fulfil,nor afford to,toobusy on the make,selling houses through real estate agents to private buyers. There's never enough money because governments spend spend,big companies get,get,get,machines take importance over people and weapons and offence spending over education and housing.

And media man, we never had to give him a reason for not wanting him at the Rally and Demo, obviously the wish not to have o our faces on the video werent enough for him. So he persisted right on and caught a blast of shit from us. Possibly, if he had removed himself from the role of funky die hard cameraman, hed see how we feel, the subject matter, who are sick of being a freakshow for mass consumption via the callous television media networks. So we go to the streets to say-Year of the Homeless, give us a chance-a banner which was made.We're not hidden indoors, or in statistics, or under news paper head lines, we're out here homeless for real. Thanks for everybody who came along for the friday rally in march. No thanks to the shits in uniform-you are the lowest forms of life ,go away#

To you-Messrs Streetperson and Messers Office Worker and Messers 9-5-did you come accross the rally in Bourke St. and in the muralled foyer of the Myer House. Did you see just a large pack of undesirablesmaking a disturbance or were you reminded of what's happening ? In your home,office/factory or lunchbreak do you feel that secure?Do you feel that safe? Do we threaten you? Our presence, our music-are we more threatening than a nuclear blast,a factory fire,the trees dropping leaves in the wrong season? Your famiy members coming down with cancer? Or did we inspire you to think 'will my house be knocked over to make way for the new freeway, Office block, housing estate,light rail plan?I hope you did notice these things, otherwise there is no hope.

news from round the globe...

Squatting Still Surges In Shitty South London !!

The number of squats in South London is now nearly 5,000 and still rising, with three boroughs, Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham threatened with financial collapse and disintegration, and housing departments in chaos. There are now three squat advice groups, Southwark (SNOW), Lambeth (Brixton Squatters Aid, BSA), and a new one in Lewisham, and two squat papers, *The Wire* and *Crowbar*. Most squatters are not interested in solidarity or any political approach.

There has been a crisis in SNOW after they were accused of a case of sexual harassment, women are setting up a day staffed by women only, but the controversy is far from over.

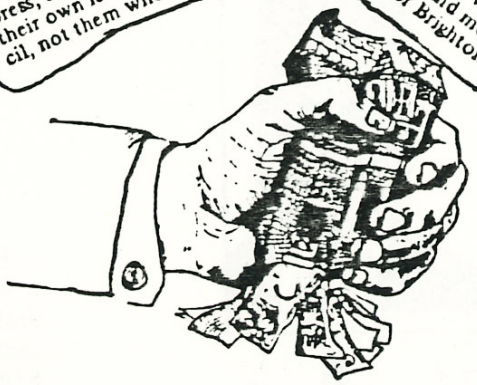
In Lambeth things may be looking up, BSA report rumours that the Spring mass evictions may be postponed in some areas due to lack of cash. In Brixton the CAP (Community Awareness Programme), a radical black group, have squatted a brand new creche for council workers; to the delight of all squatters. The building cost £300,000 but was empty for two years. Theplace was built as a sop to the unions and left empty for one of the years by the device of insisting on a "disabled' manager. Lambeth have delayed filling hundreds of vacancies by this method, and at one point would emply ONLY disabled people. CAP will use the place for black childcare, and as a base for their anti apartheid and other campaigns. Also in Brixton, women squatters have occupied an empty Housing Office for a centre, but eviction is already imminent and the council are giving it to an old peoples organisation, thus short-circuiting resistance.

The cold weather has caused chaos, with floods and many losing water and electric for long periods. In Tulse Hill Estate for instance, squatters saved a whole block by crowbaring a door to turn off mains water, when the council and fire brigade could do nothing.

Squat venues like 121 Anarchist Centre and Pullens Centre are continuing well, though it would be nice to have more volunteers. A big factory squat in Lewisham collapsed due to internal thugs, but may now be set to go again.

TOWER HAMLETS
The squatters group operate from Leslie the @ Bookshop and Food CoOp in Mile End. New and brilliant methods to open steel doors have been developed and spread. Squatting goes ahead very fast the Council responded with a shockhorror slander campaign in the local press, and the squat group replied with their own leaflet proving it is the Council, not them who smash up flats.

BRISTOL
The all England squat conference was a great success, in a luxurious building specially occupied by the active local group. A Rolls Royce factory was also squatted for a celebration gig. Attendance was good, also from Holland and Germany, and there were workshops on Opening Doors/Electric and Gas/Law et etc. There was a creche, food, women's space, and more. Next conference planned for Brighton in the Summer.



MANCHESTER
An excellent squat group now exists and seems to be thriving and growing. They have taken responsibility for compiling the paper of the new all England Network for the first six months. Brixton has done a benefit for the paper. Send news, greetings, money etc to: c/0 75 *Picadilly, Manchester 1.*

HARINGEY
Here evictions are well organised, but so are the squatters, who favour local people moving in, and are connected to a good Claimants Advice and Wapping Support Group. The big 'Cardboard Box' squat has been evicted but now a large dancehall near Turnpike Lane has been squatted and gigs are planned.

ISLINGTON
The Blut Blut and Flob Flob (cafe/gig/video venues) in Upper Street still have not got notices of expected eviction. All London Squatters are anxious to defend them. A pro-squatting leaflet was put about the area with good reactions.

CAMDEN
Not much new, the squat group soldiers on, lots of evictions.

SQUATTERS ORGANISE STOKE NEWINGTON/HACKNEY
The squatters group is going well and large numbers of empty Council properties are being occupied all over the place with few evictions at present. For instance in Stamford Hill this month 35 homeless people arrived to survey a nice empty block of flats on the Homeleigh Estate, and promptly took over the whole place, they're even supported by the Tenant's Association who are sick of the large numbers of empties.

"Bloody Homeless people...."

60 hurt in clash on Pope's tour

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sixty people were reported wounded and 150 arrested in clashes between police and squatters yesterday, hours after Pope John Paul told slum-dwellers he was deeply moved by the plight of Chile's poor.

According to a spokeswoman for the People's Defence Committee, about 300 policemen used teargas and water cannon to eject about 1500 squatters from a vacant lot in the city's Santa Monica district, one of the slums that ring Santiago.

Two people were seriously injured, one of them with gunshot wounds, and were being treated in a nearby church, she said.

Police are pelted with rocks as crowds gather for the Pope in Santiago.

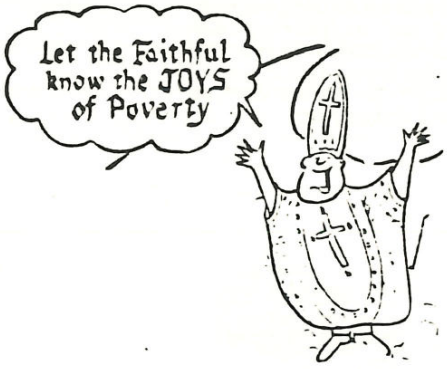
John Paul tries to unite opposition to Pinochet's rule

Earlier, violence erupted outside Santiago's National Stadium as police lobbed teargas and sprayed demonstrators with high-powered jets of water as they chanted slogans against the military Government of General Pinochet.

The incident flared shortly before the Pope was due to address about 90,000 youths gathered in the stadium, a place which has left deep marks on the memory of Chileans.

It was used as a detention centre and killing ground for suspected leftists in the turbulent days after the 1973 coup which brought General Pinochet to power.

As the Pontiff entered the stadium, several anti-Government banners were unfurled with slogans such as "Pinochet murderer" and "Holy Father in Chile there is torture".



According to police sources, 41 security officers had been injured during the first 24 hours of the six-day visit.

The Pope addressed hundreds of thousands of workers gathered in the Santa Monica slum. They bore banners against torture and injustice and whistled aggressively at police helicopters and wagons.

Religious songs warmed them up for the arrival of the Pope, after his meeting with three generations of the Pinochet family.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Council says Soweto rent strike is failing

By CHRIS ERASMUS

CAPE TOWN, 7 Jan. — The six-month-old Soweto rent boycott — which last year sparked bloody clashes between the authorities and residents — is being broken, the black township's city council claims.

The boycott has been the focal point of an intense battle between Soweto residents and the Soweto City Council, which relies almost totally on rents for its continued existence.

More than 20 people died and scores were injured in clashes with security forces last year as attempts were made to end the financially crippling boycott, which activists claimed was an effective tool in their campaign against "apartheid structures" but which the Soweto authorities said was largely the result of intimidation and opportunism.

A girl clutches belongings she salvaged from her family's shack in Soweto before council police demolished it.

According to Mr R. E. Du Toit, the acting town clerk for the sprawling black Johannesburg suburb of over a million people, 80 per cent of the council's normal monthly rental payments from the township's 75,000 households was collected in December.

"The rent boycott has not been completely broken but the situation is improving," Mr Du Toit said.

The council had run $A9 million into arrears for electricity and water services, he said.

But he declined to confirm an independent estimate that the boycott, which started last June, had cost the council $45 million to date.

Meanwhile, action against squatters in the township went ahead without warning yesterday as bulldozers moved in, demolishing hundreds of dwellings and leaving about 1000 people homeless.

Residents of the Mshenguiville squatter camp in Soweto's Mofolo section said the camp had been condemned by the Soweto city council as a health hazard.

Destroyed

But some of the homeless squatters responded to the demolition by immediately rebuilding their destroyed shelters, in spite of fears that the bulldozers would return early today.

"They just came with their big trucks and pushed everything down," said one distraught woman.

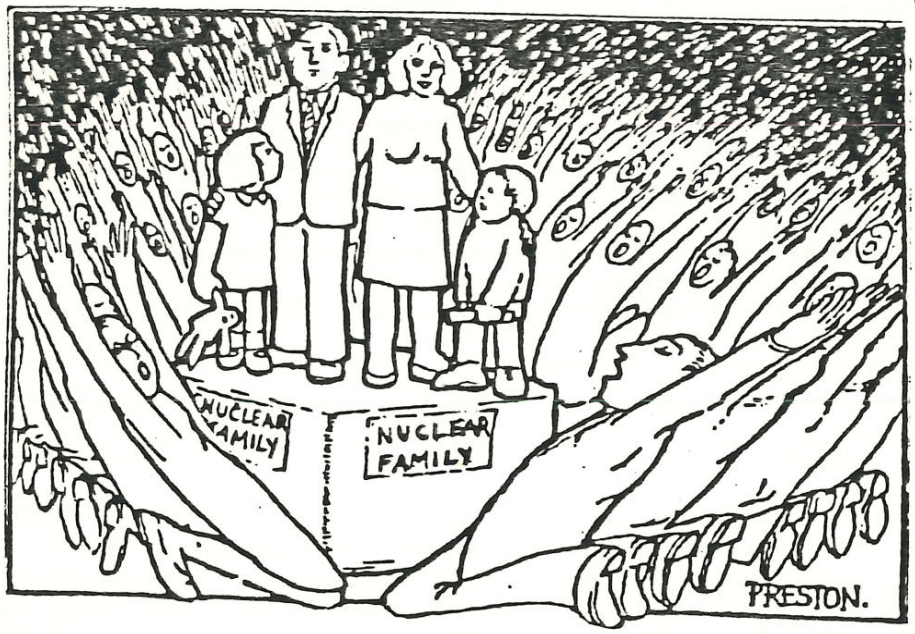
"Many houses were locked with furniture inside as a lot of people were at work. I've nothing left and nowhere to sleep," she said.

Those squatters on hand at the beginning of the operation were allowed to remove their belongings before their shacks were bulldozed, but many feared that rain would destroy what little remained of their possessions.

About 20 families have been housed in tents by the South African Red Cross but it is not known where the rest of the homeless squatters have gone.

THE PLANT OF SENSIBLE DREAMS

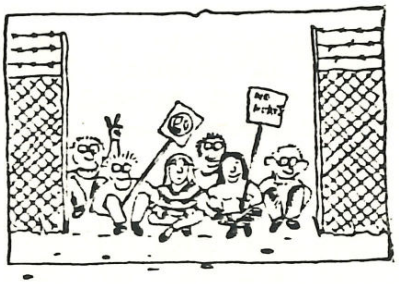
This plant of sensible dreams;
Smoking dreams,
Unmercifully stretches your lungs
To stone your brain:
(The effect is better).
You feel your mind run away,
Your imagination start to play
Then you're unchained
So you can't feel depressed.
You leap and cavort through the structures of
Imaginations logic
That gives to you
Penetrations grasp;
Stainless-steel razors,
Sharpened with observation
By,
What is called
A weed:
The need to hate
And the need to fear
Have no time to be felt,
Your brain cannot
For you're much too stoned
Because
You wanted to get stoned



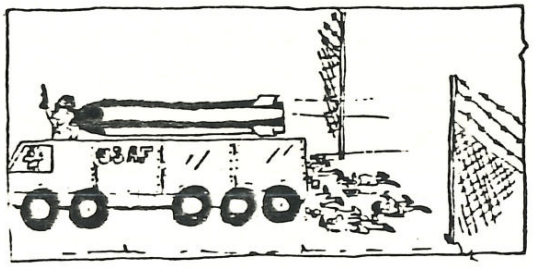
MR POPULARITY... Bob Hawke's bust was unveiled last month in his birthplace of Bordertown, on the SA-Victorian border.

It lasted less than a week before being defaced by irate locals.

As Sir Les Patterson sagely observes, Bob Hawke is living proof of what happens to charisma when you leave it out of the fridge too long.



Ash on an old mans sleeve
Is all the ash burnt roses leave.
Dust in the air suspended
Marks the place where a story ended
Dust inbreathed was a house -
T.S Elliot



VICTORIA - 'Guardian' State

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- Be taught how to shoot away from people with the gun you have and kill them
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-Apply your skills on squatters see how THEY BRUISE.

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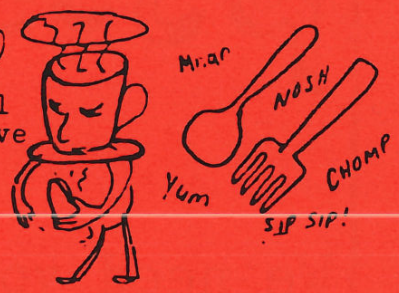

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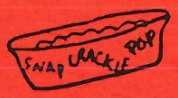

Daughters of Charity:

167 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. Tele: 417 6497. (Near Hanover St, not far from St Vincents Hospital, and less than ½ an hours walk from theCitizen's advice Bureau.)

3 sittings fora 3 course meal, charge 50¢, served at 10:30, 11:30 and 12:30. Some take-away food available if men have heating facilities. MAINLY FOR MEN.

St Marks Community Centre: (Fitzroy residents only)

250 George St, Fitzroy. Tele: 4193036. Bread,milk and vegetable food parcels. Hours: 2-4pm MON, WED, FRI. Lunch- Tuesday and Thursday 12:30am.

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Mission to the Streets and Lanes: ALL WELCOME! (White bread, sugar, tea, canned food).

-ned food).

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Grey St. St. Kilda.- free midday meal (meat and vege.)

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Vegetarian. $1:50. 1 or more plates plus dessert!
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MON-FRI 12:20-3:00pm. Sunday Feast- Temple, Dank St, South Melb. 4:30-7:00pm

CARLTON AREA:

Hole in the Wall:

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*This one may no longer exist as this list was revised from a very old edition

Smith Family:

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PORT MELBOURNE:

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